

Amendments to the Specification:

IN THE TITLE:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended title:

~~PRODUCT DELIVERY METHODS AND SYSTEMS THEREFOR~~

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Page 25, between lines 22 and 23, change current paragraph added by the December 23, 2002 Submission Filed with RCE as follows:

Fig. 8 is a flow chart illustrating the steps in the data providing method according to one embodiment of this invention. As shown in Fig. 8, in step 201, a purchaser 15 makes a purchase request. In step 202, the registered third data of the purchaser, which ~~is~~ are registered for every purchaser in the data providing system (represented by the data deliverers 1-3), ~~is~~ are retrieved based on the second data recorded in the purchaser rewritable record medium 13. The second data are used to determine whether or not the purchaser 15 satisfies a data purchase requirement. The retrieval can be performed through a data process apparatus 24, 26 maintained either by the store 4 or the purchaser 15. In step 203, an accounting operation is performed for providing the purchaser 15 with the first data, if the registered third data, which ~~is~~ are retrieved, ~~is~~ matched with the purchaser third data which ~~is~~ are recorded in the purchaser rewritable record medium ~~is performed~~ 13. In step 204, additional third data that represent the purchase of the first data are provided.

In step 205, the first data and the additional third data for representing the purchase information of the first data ~~is~~ are recorded in the purchaser rewritable record medium. These additional third data include accounting information, purchase information and/or data specific information. Finally, in step ~~205~~ 206, the additional third data for representing the purchase information of the first data, ~~when~~ are registered in the data providing system after

the accounting operation is finished is registered in the purchaser rewritable record medium performed.

Matching the registered third data with the purchaser third data in step 203 includes comparing the registered third data from the data providing system with the purchaser third data from the purchaser rewritable record medium in step 102 of Fig. 7. The accounting information included in the additional third data, as shown in Fig. 9, can include one or more of the deposited amount E2, a paid amount E3, the balance account E4 information. These information examples are taken from Fig. 6. The purchase information included in the additional third data, as shown in Fig. 10, can include one or more of the title of the first data A1, the price of the first data A2, the shop identification A3, E5, the date of purchase E1, the time of purchase A4, the deposited amount E2, the paid amount E3 and the account balance E4. These information examples are also depicted in Figs. 5 and 6.